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NAIROBI FOR ATTENTION CARL GRIP

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES -- RULES OF PROCEDURE

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED CONTENTS REFTELS WITH MAX HUGHES, DIRECTOR
TRANSPORT AND RESOURCES SECTION, ECONOMIC POLICY BRANCH, DFA.
HUGHES SAID THAT WHILE HE WAS ONLY EXPRESSING PERSONAL OPINIONS,
HE WAS SURE GOA WOULD WELCOME NEWS THAT TAIWAN HAD WITHDRAWN
FROM MEMBERSHIP, AS HAD THIS NOT BEEN CASE, THERE COULD HAVE
BEEN NO QUESTION AS TO HOW AUSTRALIA WOULD HAVE HAD TO VOTE.
HUGHES SAID THAT HE WAS SURE GOA WOULD NOT WISH SEE TAIWAN
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LOSE ACCESS TO INTELSAT, PROVIDED IT COULD BE MAINTAINED WITH-

OUT FORCING GOA INTO MAKING A CHOICE BETWEEN TWO PARTIES. HUGHES SAID HE EXPECTED THAT GOA WOULD HAVE FAVORED RETENTION OF SECRET BALLOT ARTICLE BEFORE CHIREP ISSUE DEFUSED, AND SAW NO REASON WHY IT WOULD ADOPT DIFFERENT POSITION NOW.

2. HUGHES PROMISED INFORM ITS DELEGATION IN NAIROBI OF OUT INTERVENTION AND ALSO PROMISED INFORM US EARLY MONDAY MORNING (AUSTRALIAN TIME) OF FORMAL GOA VIEWS THIS ISSUE. EMBASSY WILL PASS NAIROBI FOR CARL GRIP.

3. GOA DELEGATION TO NAIROBI WILL BE LED BY WALLY HANDMER, AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER, NAIROBI, AND WILL INCLUDE HAROLD WHITE, GENERAL MANAGER, OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (OTC) AND ALAN MCCONNACHIE, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICER, OTC. HARGROVE

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